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Bonn, 19 March - 6 April 2001

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE INTERSESSIONAL MEETING OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Note by the secretariat

The intersessional meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group (AHWG) to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification will be held from 19 March to 6 April 2001 in Bonn, Germany. The present document contains general information that may be helpful to participants. The session will be hosted at the site of the Convention secretariat in accordance with decision 2/COP.4 of the Conference of the Parties.

1. Conference secretariat

The head of the Conference secretariat is Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the secretariat of the Convention.

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2. Venue of the session

The intersessional meeting of the AHWG will be held at the Wasserwerk building of the Bundeshaus compound (former German Parliament). This is the same location used for the meetings of the AHWG during the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties. However, participants are kindly invited to note that the entrance to the Wasserwerk building is through HERMANN EHLERS STREET 29, which is an extension of the HEUSSALLE International Congress Centre, Bundeshaus, located in the centre of Bonn.

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3. Registration

Registration will start on Sunday, 18 March, from 15:00 (3 p.m.) to 18:00 hours (6 p.m.) and throughout the AHWG meeting. The AHWG meeting will open on Monday, 19 March 2001 at 10:00 a.m in the Wasserwerk meeting room of the Bundeshaus. Identity badges will be issued at the time of registration and participants are requested to wear them at all times, since they will be allowed access to the Congress Centre only upon the presentation of their badges.

Details concerning the exact location of the registration counter for national delegations, specialized agencies and United Nations programmes, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations as well as for the media and staff of the United Nations, will be communicated to participants before the start of the AHWG meeting.

Working hours will normally be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

4. How to get to the International Congress Centre, Bundeshaus

(a) From the airport Cologne/Bonn

Cologne/Bonn international airport welcomes all participants. The airport is approximately 30 minutes from the centre of Bonn. Participants arriving from the Cologne/Bonn airport can take a taxi or bus to the Bonn city centre. Taxis are readily available; a one-way journey to the city costs between DM 60-70. The bus line 670 from the airport to Bonn's main railway station offers an economical and ecological alternative. The bus-stop is located in front of terminals A and B. The bus goes every 10 minutes during peak times, otherwise every 30 minutes. The price for a one-way ticket to Bonn is DM 9.90 and tickets can be bought from the driver or from the ticket machine.

(b) From the main railway station in Bonn

The International Congress Centre can be reached by underground *(U-Bahn)*, lines 16, 63 and 66, travelling in the direction of *Bad Godesberg, Bad Honnef* and *Koenigswinter*, respectively. The right stop is "Heussallee - Bundeshaus". Please follow the sign for Heussallee, take the street on your left, which is Heussalle. The Congress Centre is approximately a 5 minute walk and is situated at the end of the street on the left.

In addition, bus line 610 to *Heiderhof* passes very close to the Bundeshaus. The bus Stop is "Bundeshaus".

Additional information on practical arrangement taken to facilitate access to public transport by delegates will be announced during the AHWG meeting.

5. Hotel accommodation

Delegates who require assistance in making hotel reservations in Bonn may contact *Tourism and Congress* at the following address:

Tourism and Congress GmbH
Region Bonn/Rhein-Sieg/Ahrweiler
Adenauerallee 131
53113 Bonn
Tel: + (49 228) 910 410
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or at their Website: http://www.carisma-order.de/hot/index.html

From this website, it is possible to select the dates of stay and the location (Bad Godesberg, Bonn City etc.) of the hotel. Simply click on "Hotel buchung" and then on the appropriate Flag on the top left of the page in order to get all explanations in English.

A list of hotels for direct reservations can also be found under:

http://www.hotels-pensionen-bonn.de/economy_class.html
http://www.bonn-congress.de
http://www.ga-bonn.de

A list of hotels is also attached in annex with a range of indicative prices.

6. Restaurants

A number of restaurants in the vicinity of the Congress Centre offer quality service at reasonable prices. Additional details on services will be made available at the Congress Centre.

7. Immigration formalities and Customs regulations

The Government of Germany advises that immigration formalities will be facilitated in its embassies or consulates. Applications may be submitted, with reference to the AHWG meeting, to the nearest German embassy or consulate. Information on customs regulations in force in Germany may be obtained from any German embassy or consulate.

8. Press centre

Given the nature of the intersessional AHWG meeting and due to space constraint, there will be no press centre at the Wasserwork building. All press briefings will be organized at the headquarters of the permanent secretariat, in Haus Carstanjen. All press briefings will be announced in advance. The representatives of the press are invited to use the Internet facilities installed in the Wasserwork for their communication needs. Additionally, analogues lines have been installed for the use of laptop computers. The focal point for media and press issues is:

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9. General information about Bonn

Flights:	Some airlines have direct flights to Cologne/Bonn and many others book flights via Frankfurt, Dusseldorf or Munich.
Currency:	Deutsche Mark: 1 Deutsche Mark = approximately US$ 0.50 (indicative rate).
Weather:	During the month of March the average temperature in Bonn oscillates between 5 and 10 degrees Celsius. It is recommended to bring warm clothing and an umbrella.
Electricity:	230 volts, 50 hertz.
Local time:	GMT + 01.

Further information is available on the UNCCD home page: http://www.unccd.int.

Annex

Main hotels in Bonn:

Hotel addresses	Telephone	Fax	Single	Double	Web site
ACORA Westpreußenstr. 20-30 53119 Bonn	0228/6686-0	0228/662020	DM 115	DM 140	www.acora.de
AIGNER Dorotheenstr. 12 53111 Bonn	0228/604060	0228/6040670	DM 99-150	DM 139-175	
ALTES TREPPCHEN Endenicherstr. 308 53121 Bonn	0228/625004	0228/621264	DM 75-115	DM 135-175	
AMBASSADOR Bonner-Str. 29-31 53173 Bonn	0228/38900	0228/313315	DM 135	DM 179	www.hotel-ambassador.bonn.de
AM HOHEN-ZOLLERNPLATZ Plitterdorfer Str. 54-56 53173 Bonn	0228/95759-0	0228/95759-29	DM 124	DM 188	
AM MARKTPLATZ Bürgerstr. 4 53173 Bonn	0228/362756	0228/359593	DM 130-150	DM 150-170	
AM ROONPLATZ Argelander Str. 91 53115 Bonn	0228/911930	0228/211334	DM 98-120	DM 135-155	
AMBER HOTEL PRESIDENT Clemens-August Str. 32-36 53115 Bonn	0228/7250-0	0228/7250-72	DM 129-179	DM 149-209	
APPART-HOTEL BAD GODESBERG Schlehenweg 6 53177 Bonn	0228/3290-0	0228/3290-13	DM 155	DM 180	www.apparthotel-bonn.de
ASTORIA Hausdorffstr. 105-113 53129 Bonn	0228/239507	0228/230378	DM 135	DM 190	www.hotel-astoria.de
AUERBERG Kölnstr. 362 53117 Bonn	0228/559930	0228/672933	DM 95-115	DM 140-165	
AVALON Breite Str. 98a 53111 Bonn	0228/655057 655058	0228/634941	DM 140	DM 220	
BEETHOVEN Rheingasse 26 53113 Bonn	0228/631411	0228/691629	DM 110-165	DM 140-185	

BERGMANN Kasernenstr. 13 53111 Bonn	0228/633891	0228/635057	DM 60-65	DM 95-110	
BRISTOL ***Günnewig*** Prinz-Albert-Str. 2 53113 Bonn	0228/2698-0	0228/2698-222	DM 170-199	DM 210-245	www.guennewig.de
BURGBLICK Winterstr. 35a 53177 Bonn	0228/95135-0	0228/95135-99	DM 140-170	DM 190-300	
CONSUL Oxfordstr. 12-16 53111 Bonn	0228/7292-0	0228/7292-250	DM 125-147	DM 175-212	www.consul-bonn.de
CONTINENTAL Am Hauptbahnhof 2-4 53111 Bonn	0228/635360	0228/631190	DM 155-200	DM 220-300	
DAHL Heideweg 9 53343 Wachtberg- Niederbachem	0228/341071	0228/345001	DM 120	DM 180	
DALLADAS Zellerstr. 10 53175 Bonn	0228/310766	0228/316646	DM 80	DM 120-130	
DEUTSCHES HAUS Kasernenstr. 19-21 53111 Bonn	0228/633777	0228/659055	DM 70-100	DM 110-150	
DOMICIL Thomas-Mann-Str. 24-26 53111 Bonn Breakfast 21 DM	0228/729090	0228/691207	DM 184-340	DM 250-370	
EDEN Am Kurpark 5a 53177 Bonn Appartement	0228/95727-0	0228/362494	DM 140 DM 100	DM 180 DM 100	
EDEN-PRIVATHOTEL, Bonn-City-Center Am Hofgarten 6 53113 Bonn	0228/225075	0228/225070	from DM 120	from DM 160	
EUROPA Thomas-Mann-Str. 7 53111 Bonn	0228/633063	0228/695357	DM 110-125	DM 140	
ESPLANADE Colmantstr. 47 53115 Bonn	0228/98380-0	0228/98380-11	DM 140	DM 200	
FLORA Viktoriastr. 16 53173 Bonn	0228/93571-0	0228/352402	DM 129-155	DM 170-195	

GALERIE-HOTEL ESCHWEILER Bonngasse 7 53111 Bonn	0228/631760	0228/694904	DM 65-100	DM 95-140	www. hotel-eschweiler-bonn.de
GÄSTEHAUS ANTON Splickgasse 33 53179 Bonn	0228/342069	0228/342018	DM 40-60	DM 120-160	
GÄSTEHAUS DIANA Drachenburgstr. 59-61 53179 Bonn	0228/345161	0228/345181	DM 85-95	DM 125-140	
GÄSTEHAUS SCHOLZ Annettenstr. 16 53175 Bonn	0228/379363	0228/379363	DM 45	DM 95	
GASTHAUS DRACHENBURG Mainzer Str. 152 53179 Bonn	0228/349159	0228/858841	DM 65-80	DM 120	
GODESBURG Auf dem Godesberg 5 53177 Bonn	0228/316071	0228/311218	DM 140	DM 170	www. guennewig.de
GROSS Bonngasse 17 53111 Bonn	0228/60453-0	0228/60453-60	DM 115	DM 175	
HAUS BERLIN Rheinallee 40 53173 Bonn	0228/353175	0228/361933	DM 100-140	DM 130-200	
HAUS CHRISTEL Friesdorfer Str. 245 53175 Bonn	0228/316110	-	DM 60-70	DM 90-120	
HAUS DAUFENBACH Brüdergasse 6, 53111 Bonn	0228/637944	0228/637945	DM 65-95	DM 105-135	
HAUS HOFGARTEN Fritz-Tillmann-Str. 7 53113 Bonn	0228/223472 223482	0228/213902	DM 60-150	DM 125-185	
HOF VON HOLLAND Turmstr. 5 53175 Bonn	0228/354894	0228/359014	DM 99	DM 145	
HOLIDAY INN Berliner Freiheit 2 53111 Bonn	0228/7269-0	0228/7269-700	DM 309	DM 388	
INSEL HOTEL GMBH Theaterplatz 5-7 53177 Bonn	0228/3500-0	0228/3500-333	DM 137-169	DM 189	
JACOBS Bergstr. 85-87 53129 Bonn	0228/232822	0228/232850	DM 80-150	DM 140-220	

KAISER KARL HOTEL Vorgebirgsstr. 56 53119 Bonn	0228/985570	0228/9855777	DM 170-290	DM 290-420	
KÖLNER HOF Kölnstr. 502 53117 Bonn	0228/671605	0228/679737	DM 90	DM 140	
KÖNIGSHOF Adenauerallee 9 53111 Bonn	0228/2601-0	0228/2601-529	DM 225	DM 280	
KRONPRINZEN Rheinallee 29 53173 Bonn	0228/93552-0	0228/93552-49	DM 135-185	DM 149-249	
KRUG Sternenburgstr. 15 53115 Bonn	0228/225868	0228/241544	DM 75-110	DM 120-160	
KURFÜRSTENHOF Baumschulallee 20 53115 Bonn	0228/985050	0228/632045	DM 140	DM 180	
LÖHNDORF Stockenstr. 6 53113 Bonn	0228/655439	0228/695712	DM 78-130	DM 170	
LÖWEN, Zum Von-Groote-Platz 1 53173 Bonn	0228/355951	0228/358438	DM 110-149	DM 199-210	
MARITIM HOTEL Godesberger Allee 53175 Bonn	0228/8108-0	0228/8108-811	DM 221-241	DM 280-300	www.maritim.de
MERCEDES Maarflach 17a 53113 Bonn	0228/225051	0228/264412	DM 110-140	DM 160-190	
MOZART Mozartstr. 1 53115 Bonn	0228/659071 659074	0228/659075	DM 70-150	DM 100-185	
PASTIS Hatschiergasse 8 53111 Bonn	0228/9694270	0228/96942727	DM 90-108	DM 145-165	
PATRICIA Mirbachstr. 2a 53173 Bonn	0228/83006-0	0228/365315	DM 110-145	DM 145-195	
REMI Bonner Str. 30 53173 Bonn	0228/319954	0228/319177	DM 60-105	DM 140-195	
RESIDENCE Günnewig Kaiserplatz 11 53113 Bonn	0228/2697-0	0228/2697-777	DM 160-190	DM 195-240	www.guennewig.de

RHEINHOTEL DREESEN Rheinstr. 45-49 53179 Bonn	0228/8202-0	0228/8202-153	DM 195	DM 250	
RÖMERHOF Römerstrasse. 20 53111 Bonn	0228/60418-0	0228/633838	DM 99-114	DM 125-140	
SALSCHEIDER Königsplatz 23 53173 Bonn	0228/362895	0228/369019	DM 98	DM 160-170	
SAVOY Berliner Freiheit 7 53111 Bonn	0228/725970	0228/696899	DM 155	DM 190	
SCHWAN Mozartstr. 24-26 53115 Bonn	0228/963030	0228/651793	DM 110-160	DM 160-200	
SEBASTIANUSHOF Waldburgstr. 34 53177 Bonn	0228/95114-00	0228/95114-50	DM 95-135	DM 155-175	
STERNHOTEL, TOP-HOTEL Markt 8 53111 Bonn	0228/7267-0	0228/7267-125	DM 165-215	DM 215-295	
VIKTORIA Viktoriastr. 33 53173 Bonn	0228/820050	0228/8200525	DM 110-135	DM 160-190	
ZUM ADLER Koblenzer Str. 60 53173 Bonn	0228/364071	0228/361933	DM 90-145	DM 130-190	
ZUM STERN Drachenburgstr. 68 53179 Bonn	0228/348631	0228/348631	DM 45	DM 90	

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